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PRAIRIE HAY TRADE REMAINS LIMITED.

Kansas City Market

With only one car of prairie received at Kansas City during the week ending June 3, trading was again of very limited volume, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. The car received was of No. 2 quality and sold to local feeding interests at $8.50 per ton. On the whole, inquiry for prairie hay at Kansas City was exceedingly narrow, reflecting excellent green feed conditions in nearby areas and ample storage supplies in the hands of retailers and feedyards; therefore the limited offerings on the carlot market caused no inconvenience. Several truckloads of prairie hay arrived in Kansas City and were disposed of to horse and mule dealers or to independent feed pens. May receipts of prairie at Kansas City were 11 cars, against 18 in April and 15 in May a year ago.

Interior Producing Point Markets

Movement of prairie hay from the Iola section of eastern Kansas dropped almost to the vanishing point during the week, no sales by either truck or rail being reported. All stocks of good quality prairie hay have been depleted in that producing area, due to a steady spring demand from western Kansas, and northern points and growers were able to clean up their barns. With this space available, indications are that a large tonnage will be harvested this summer. Prairie meadows in eastern Kansas are showing excellent growth as a result of timely and generous rains. Many fields are excessively weedy, while others are fairly clean. Clipping of meadows to control weed growth has been practiced by a number of growers this season.

Platte Valley, Nebraska, prairie was reported in fairly good local demand, due to rather serious drought conditions which have caused farmers to move livestock from hill pastures to valley farms and feed pens.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, are as follows:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1	$8.50-9.00	No. 3	$5.50-7.50
No. 2	8.00-8.50	Sample	4.00-5.50

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